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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during February 2015 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was down 6 percent from February 2014. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 511,000 pounds live weight, down 16 percent from February 2014. Cattle slaughter totaled 500 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 74 pounds from the previous year, at 1,086 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 153,000 pounds live weight, up 56 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 47 pounds from the previous year, at 301 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States - Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.73 billion pounds in February, up 2 percent from the 3.65 billion pounds produced in February 2014.

Beef production, at 1.77 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.17 million head, down 3 percent from February 2014. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,355 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.3 million pounds, 23 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 36,700 head, down 30 percent from February 2014. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from last year, at 293 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.95 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.08 million head, up 5 percent from February 2014. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.6 million pounds, was down slightly from February 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 164,700 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 3 pounds from February a year ago.

January to February 2015 commercial red meat production was 7.8 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 25 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

February 2014 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. February 2015 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

CATTLE ON FEED

United States - Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on March 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent below March 1, 2014.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.52 million, 8 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.46 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 330,000, 600-699 pounds were 270,000, 700-799 pounds were 388,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 535,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.52 million, 2 percent below 2014. February marketings are

Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during February, 13 percent below 2014.

The number of **trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2014 totaled 420,000 fish, down from 440,000 fish in 2013. The average price per pound was \$2.25, up 8 cents from 2013. The value of sales for the 2014 marketing year was 1.17 million dollars, down from 1.20 million dollars in 2013. Other size categories are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

United States – The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 102.5 million dollars for 2014, an increase of 5 percent from 2013. Idaho accounted for 52 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of **trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2014 totaled 48.2 million fish, up 17 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.57, down 2 percent from 2013. The value of

TROUT VALUE OF SALES (excluding eggs), 2013-2014								
State	12" and longer		6"-12" Size		1" - 6" Size		Total Value of Fish Sold	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
Thousand Dollars								
AR**								
CA	*	4,697	*	*	*	*	5,214	4,990
CO	1,654	1,361	339	*	25	*	2,018	1,532
GA	574	*	*	*	*	*	607	455
ID	44,268	52,750	*	*	*	*	44,573	53,118
MI	618	458	*	*	*	*	783	619
MO	1,538	1,686	440	460	84	104	2,062	2,250
NY	*	*	179	170	*	*	557	631
NC	6,179	6,885	*	*	*	*	6,821	7,888
OR	*	*	*	*	*	17	*	*
PA	4,232	4,408	853	1,045	56	118	5,141	5,571
UT	556	531	*	*	*	*	617	604
VA	1,205	1,213	*	*	*	*	1,357	1,481
WA	*	*	749	1,208	*	*	*	*
WV	1,196	1,166	*	*	*	*	1,255	1,233
WI	1,466	1,394	209	138	4	5	1,679	1,537
Other ¹	27,688	18,530	2,444	2,767	858	1,373	24,730	20,575
US Total	91,174	95,079	5,213	5,788	1,027	1,617	97,414	102,484

¹ Other includes State estimates not listed and States suppressed due to disclosure.

* Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

** Arkansas reported trout only for distribution and no sales.

sales for the 2014 marketing year was 95.1 million dollars, up 4 percent from 2013. For trout 12 inches or longer, 57 percent were sold to processors.

The number of **6"- 12" trout** sold during 2014 totaled 5.15 million fish, an increase of 37 percent from 2013. The average price per pound was \$3.27 during 2014, down 52 cents from the 2013 price. The total value of sales was 5.79 million dollars during 2014, an 11 percent increase from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 52 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers and government agencies with 19 percent.

The number of **1"- 6" trout** sold during 2014 totaled 8.35 million, a 29 percent increase from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$194 during 2014, up from \$158 in 2013. The total value of sales was 1.62 million dollars, up 57 percent from last year's total.

Distributed Trout - Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 7.15 million 12" or longer fish, 65.4 million 6"- 12" fish, and 58.3 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 110.8 million dollars, up 1 percent from 2013.

Trout Losses - Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 27.6 million fish during 2014. Disease accounted for 92 percent of these losses.

HONEY PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - Honey production in 2014 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 186,000 pounds, down 90,000 pounds, or 33 percent, from the 2013 total of 276,000 pounds. There were 6,000 producing colonies in 2014, unchanged from 2013. Yield per colony averaged 31 pounds, down 15 pounds from 46 pounds in 2013. Honey stocks on December 15, 2014, were reported at 33,000 pounds, down 50,000 pounds, or 60 percent, from 83,000 pounds reported in 2013.

Prices for the 2014 crop averaged 404 cents per pound, up 10 percent from the price of 366 cents per pound in 2013. Value of production totaled 751,000 dollars, down 259,000 dollars, or 26 percent, from 1,010,000 dollars in 2013.

United States - Honey production in 2014 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 178 million pounds, up 19 percent from 2013. There were 2.74

million colonies producing honey in 2014, up 4 percent from 2013. Yield per colony averaged 65.1 pounds, up 15 percent from the 56.6 pounds in 2013. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 41.2 million pounds on December 15, 2014, up 8 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2014 to 216.1 cents per pound, up 1 percent from 214.1 cents per pound in 2013. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2013 crop reflect honey sold in 2013 and 2014. Some 2013 crop honey was sold in 2014, which caused some revisions to the 2013 crop prices.

CROP VALUES

Charleston, West Virginia - Corn for grain value of production totaled \$20.38 million in 2014, an 18 percent decrease from \$24.87 million in 2013. The marketing year average price received per bushel for corn was \$3.80, down \$0.90 from \$4.70 per bushel in 2013.

The value of **all wheat** production in 2014 was \$2.44 million, a 1 percent decrease from the 2013 crop value of \$2.46 million. Growers received an average of \$5.45 per bushel for the 2014 crop, down \$1.30 from the price per bushel of \$6.75 in 2013.

Soybeans value of production totaled \$13.66 million, a 3 percent increase from the 2013 value of \$13.20 million. The average price received per bushel for soybeans was \$10.30. This was down \$2.60 from the 2013 average price of \$12.90 per bushel.

The value of **all hay** production totaled \$126.21 million in 2014, a 10 percent decrease from the 2013 value of \$139.55 million. The average price received per ton was \$112.00, \$8.00 less than the 2013 average price of \$120.00 per ton.

The value of **alfalfa hay** production totaled \$9.57 million in 2014, a 36 percent decrease from the 2013 value of \$15.01 million. The average price received per

ton was \$184.00, \$1.00 more than the 2013 average price of \$183.00 per ton.

The value of all **other hay** production totaled \$116.64 million in 2014, 6 percent less than the 2013 value of \$124.55 million. The average price received per ton was \$108.00, \$7.00 less than the 2013 average price of \$115.00 per ton.

UNITED STATES VALUE AND MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICE WITH 2013 COMPARISONS

Corn for grain value of production - \$52.37 billion, down 15 percent; \$3.65 per bushel, down \$0.81.
All wheat value of production - \$11.92 billion, down 18 percent; \$6.00 per bushel, down \$0.87.
Soybeans value of production - \$40.29 billion, down 8 percent; \$10.20 per bushel, down \$2.80.
All hay value of production - \$19.19 billion, down 3 percent; \$180.00 per ton, up \$4.00.
Alfalfa hay value of production - \$10.77 billion, up 1 percent; \$202.00 per ton, up \$3.00.
All other hay value of production - \$8.41 billion, down 8 percent; \$131.00 per ton, down \$8.00.

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS 'March Ag Survey Results'

Charleston, West Virginia - Corn plantings in West Virginia are expected to total 48,000 acres, down 6 percent or 3,000 acres from 51,000 acres planted in 2014, and down 9 percent or 5,000 acres from 2013.

Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 8,000 acres, down 20 percent or 2,000 acres from 2014, and down 11 percent or 1,000 acres from 2013.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to total 28,000 acres, up 4 percent or 1,000 acres from 2014, and up 22 percent or 5,000 acres from 2013.

All hay acreage harvested is expected to total 640,000 acres, up 4 percent or 22,000 acres from 2014, and up 8 percent or 50,000 acres from 2013.

Note: These estimates were based on results from the March 1, 2015, Agricultural Survey. Forecasted estimates may change as the survey year continues and/or planting intentions by farmers are altered.

UNITED STATES WITH 2014 COMPARISONS

Corn plantings - 89.20 million acres, down 2%.
Oat plantings - 2.93 million acres, up 8%.
Winter wheat planted - 40.8 million acres, down 4%.
All tobacco for harvest - 345,280 acres, down 9%.
Burley tobacco for harvest - 93,700 acres, down 8%.
Soybean plantings - 84.64 million acres, up 1%.
Sorghum plantings - 7.9 million acres, up 11%.
Barley plantings - 3.26 million acres, up 10%.
All hay for harvest - 57.1 million acres, virtually unchanged from 2014.

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